

II. Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the specification at page 30, lines 5-10, as follows:

Another group of NO adducts are N-oxo-N-nitrosoamines that donate, transfer or release nitric oxide and are represented by the formula: $\text{R}^1\text{R}^2\text{N}(\text{O}-\text{M}^+)\text{-NO}$ $\text{R}^1\text{R}^2\text{N-N}(\text{O}-\text{M}^+)-\text{NO}$, wherein R¹ and R² are each independently a polypeptide, an amino acid, a sugar, a modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, a straight or a branched, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic or aromatic, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon, or a heterocyclic group, and M⁺ is as defined herein.